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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

This paper is submitted in response to the pending Office Action, Paper No. 8, mailed from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on August 1, 2002. Applicant submits that no extension-of-time, or related fee, is required for this Amendment and Response to be entered and considered. However, please consider this a conditional petition for the proper extension, if one is required, and a conditional authorization to charge any related extension fees or other fees necessary for entry of this paper to Deposit Account No. 20-0531.

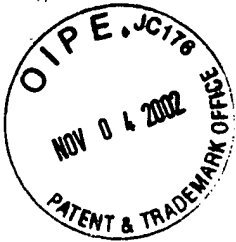
Please make the following amendments, without prejudice, and consider the following remarks. In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.121, a marked-up version of the amendments is attached at the end of this Amendment and Response.

In the Claims:

Please amend independent claims 11, 24, and 35 as set forth in the attached marked-up version of the amended claims to read as follows:

11. Apparatus for facilitating the insertion of a flexible medical device into a body, comprising:
- (a) a sheath comprising
- a proximal hub portion,
 - an elongated body portion extending distally from the proximal hub portion, at least some of the elongated body portion capable of being placed into the body, and

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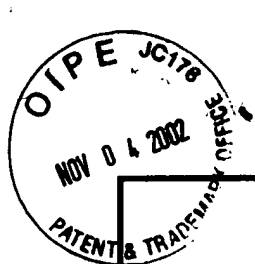
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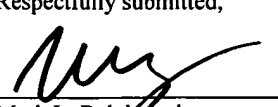
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